SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the Government have any proposal to open a milk colony in the City on the model of the one in Bombay? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The milk colony in Bombay is intended for Bombay City. It requires huge investment."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" May I know whether the price charged for milk sold by the co-operative socities compares favourably with the prices obtaining elsewhere? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the Goveamment have conducted any research to find out whether buffalo's milk or cow's milk is better for human living? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Buffalo's milk, I believe, contains more fat than cow's milk."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" May I know whether the milk supplied by the co-operative societies is being sterilised or scientifically purified? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are supplying good milk. They test it before sending it for retail sale outside. In Madras City, it is pasteurised."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it correct to say that pasteurised milk is being sold? If so, in view of certain comments which appeared in the newspapers that such milk was not good, will the Government discontinue this process of pasteurising milk? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is regarded as good milk and that is why there are proposals under the Part II Schemes for installing pasteurisation plants in other places also."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government consider the question of exempting milk from sales tax? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This question may be addressed to the proper quarters."

Cost of the Neiveli Lignite Project

* 215 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the estimated cost of the Neiveli Lignite Project;

(*b*) how it is proposed to meet the expenditure; and

(*c*) the industries proposed to be started in that area and when?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have not yet come to a decision on the nature of the scheme to be undertaken for the mining, utilisation and processing of lignite pending the results of the further investigations still to be carried out. The detailed information on the points raised in the question cannot therefore be furnished now. The Government of India have agreed to meet the cost of the project from 1st January 1955."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த அரசாங்கம் அதற்காகும் முழுச் செலவையும் 1955-ம் வருஷம் எப்ரல் மாதம் 1-ந்தேதியிலிருந்து ஏற்றுக் கொள்வதற்காகத் தீர்மானித்திருக்கிறது என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் லாபம் கிடைக்கும்பொழுது அதில் கால் பங்குதான் நமது அரசாங் கத்திற்குச் சேருமென்று சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆனால் அதில் கிடைக்கும் முழுப்பங்கும் நமக்கு வரும்படி தக்க ஏற்பாட்டைச் சர்க்கார் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 1955-ம் வருஷம் எப்ரல் மாதம் 1-ந்தேதியிலிருந்து மத்திய அரசாங்கம் செலவை ஏற்றுக்கொள் வதாக அல்ல, 1955-ம் வருஷம் ஜனவரி மாதம் 1-ந்தேதியிலிருந்தே ஆகும் செலவை மத்திய அரசாங்கம் ஒப்புக்கொள்ள முன்வந்திருக் கிறது. இந்த பழுப்பு நிலக்கரிச்சுரங்கம் நம் ராஜ்யத்தில் இருக்கிறது என்கின்ற உரிமைக்காக கிடைக்கும் லாபத்தில் கால்பங்கை நமக்குக் கொடுக்க மத்திய அரசாங்கம் இணங்கியிருக்கிறது. ஆனால் எப்பொழு தாகிலும் இந்த பிராஜெக்டுக்கு ஆன செலவுத் தொகை எல்லாவற் றையும் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு இந்தச் சர்க்கார் கொடுத்து விடுவதாக இருந்தால் அப்படியே அந்த ராஜ்யத்திற்கே அதனை விற்று விடவும் மத்திய சர்க்கார் ஒப்புக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" As a layman, may I know the various uses of lignite? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Primarily, we expect to have this as a popular economic fuel for domestic consumption. Linking with that, we propose to have a fertiliser factory and a thermal station capable of producing 200,000 k.w. of power. There are other subsidiary industries that may spring up from out of the clay and other by-products."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Apart from the royalty that the Government of Madras may get from the Centre, will they get anything by way of profits or a share from the profits that may be earned by the Centre? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is what the hon. Member, Mr. Ramaswami also asked. The Government of India have agreed to credit 25 per cent of the profits in favour of the Madras State."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I take that the Central Government are taking away 75 per cent of the profits because they are finding the money for exploiting these mines? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. That is so. Not only that. If there is any loss at any time, we are not going to share it. There is that advantage for us."

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SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Will the Central Government return to us the eighty lakhs of rupees which the State Government have already spent? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After all, this eighty lakhs of rupees is nothing when compared to the capital investment of sixty crores of rupees that will be required for working this project. So, this Government do not think it worth while to ask for this eighty lakhs of rupees back."

Use of Government Transport buses for Avadi Session

* 216 *Q.*—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether and, if so, how many Government Transport buses operating in the City of Madras and in the mufassal were taken away from their usual routes in connexion with the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Government buses were not taken away from the usual routes in the City or mufassal to meet the traffic between Madras and Avadi. However two of the spare buses of the Government Transport were operated between Egmore and Avadi on the first day of the open session of the Indian National Congress to meet the rush of traffic to Avadi. They performed only one trip each. On other days, no bus of the Government Transport was operated between Madras and Avadi."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it a fact that all spare buses belonging to companies operating in the mufassal were requisitioned and brought to the City for the purpose of being used in connexion with the Avadi Congress? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir. Some of the companies were asked to spare their buses which were in very good condition."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" On what basis? Did the Government incur any expenditure on this account? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government did not incur any expenditure but we fixed the rates to be charged for carrying passengers to and fro Avadi."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it a fact that persons owning these spare buses had to find their own money for the purpose of transporting them to Madras running a risk of losing good profits which they might have earned otherwise? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They very gladly co-operated with the Government in their endeavour to see that the public were provided with necessary facilities. The question of profit or loss does not arise at all."